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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits the following documents for the Examiner's consideration:

Applicant submits herewith a copy of a German Search Report dated October 17, 2001 conducted in German Patent Application No. 101 10 695.5, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. In particular, the German Examiner cited:

(1) German Patent No. 30 24 570 C2 issued December 17, 1987 (published January 21, 1982) as a "Y" category document (i.e., a document that calls into question the inventive step when considered with another document from this category). In particular, the Examiner noted Figures 6 and 7 as relevant to claim 5 of the German application;

(2) German Patent Application No. 197 56 077 A1 published June 24, 1999 as a "Y" category document. In particular, the Examiner noted Figure 3 and element 34 as relevant to claims 1 and 5 of the German Application;

(3) German Patent Application No. 197 23 519 A1 published December 10, 1998 as a "Y" category document. In particular, the Examiner noted Figures 4 and 5 as relevant to claims 1 - 5 of the German application;

(4) German Patent Application No. 42 42 022 A1 published June 16, 1994 as a "Y" category document. In particular, the Examiner noted Figure 4, Figure 5, elements 36 and 37 as relevant to claims 1 - 5 of the German application;

(5) German Gebrauchsmuster No. 71 44 301 U published May 10, 1973 as a "Y" category document. In particular, the Examiner noted Figure 1 as relevant to claim 11 of the German application;

(6) Austrian Patent No. 351 927 issued August 27, 1979 as a "Y" category document. In particular, the Examiner noted Figure 3 as relevant to claims 1 and 10 of the German application; and

(7) European Patent Application No. 0 787 912 A2 published August 6, 1997 as a "D" category document (i.e., a document discussed in the present application) and as a "Y" category document. In particular, the Examiner noted Figures 1 and 2 as relevant to claims 1, 6 - 9, 12, 19, 21, and 23-27 of the German application. Moreover, Applicant notes that the above-listed document is discussed in the instant application beginning on paragraph [0002].

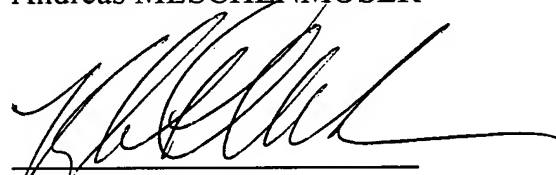
Copies of the above-listed documents (including the German Search Report) are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such

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consideration by returning an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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